

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

a housing;

a door pivotally coupled to the housing;

a striker connected to the housing; and

a latching arrangement carried by the door, the latching arrangement including:

a handle connected to the door for movement between a first position and a second position, the handle defining at least one cam surface; and

a pawl connected to the door for movement between a latched position engaged with the striker for securing the door in a closed position and an unlatched position allowing the door to be pivoted from the closed position, the pawl including a cam follower that cooperates with the at least one cam surface such that movement of the handle from the first position to the second position ~~moves~~ drives the cam follower along an arcuate path and thereby rotates the pawl from the latched position to the unlatched position.

2. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 1, wherein movement of the handle ~~is pivotally connected to the door for rotation about a first pivot axis from the second position to the first position drives the pawl to rotate from the unlatched position to the latched position.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 2, wherein the pawl is pivotally connected to the door for rotation about a second pivot axis, the second pivot axis being fixed.

4. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 3, wherein the first and second pivot axes are spaced apart from one another cam surface is a curved cam surface.

5. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim [[3]]1, wherein the handle includes a first free end and a second free end, the first and second pivot axes are parallel to one another axis located proximate the first free end and the cam follower located proximate the second free end.

6. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 3, wherein the first and second pivot axes are vertically extending pivot axes located along a line substantially parallel to a front face of the door.

7. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 1, wherein the latching arrangement includes a biasing element leaf spring carried by the handle for biasing the handle to the first position.

8. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 7, wherein the handle includes a first free end and a second free end, the first pivot axis located proximate the

~~first free end and the biasing element is integrally formed with the handle located proximate the second free end.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 1, wherein the handle includes a curved slot, the curved slot defining the at least one cam surface.

10. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 9, wherein the slot is an arcuate slot curved along its length to drive the cam follower along the arcuate path.

11. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 9, wherein the curved slot is defined by at least a pair of fingers.

12. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 1, wherein the latching arrangement is located at an edge of the door with the handle extending generally parallel to a front face of the door along its entire length.

13. (Original) The refrigerator of Claim 1, wherein the latching arrangement is substantially disposed within a recess of the door and substantially hidden from view.

14. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 1, wherein the refrigerator is [[for]] a motor vehicle gas absorption refrigerator.

15. (Currently amended) A latching arrangement for a refrigerator having a housing, a door pivotally coupled to the housing and a striker connected to the housing, the latching arrangement comprising:

a handle for connection to the door for movement between a first position and a second position, the handle defining at least one cam surface; and

a pawl for connection to the door for movement between a latched position engaged with the striker for securing the door in a closed position and an unlatched position allowing the door to be pivoted from the closed position, the pawl including a cam follower that cooperates with the at least one cam surface such that movement of the handle from the first position to the second position ~~moves~~ drives the cam follower along an arcuate path and thereby rotates the pawl from the latched position to the unlatched position.

16. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 15, wherein the latching arrangement includes a biasing element carried by the handle and proximate the pawl for biasing the handle to the first position.

17. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 16, wherein the biasing element is ~~integrally formed with the handle~~ a leaf spring.

18. (Original) The refrigerator of Claim 15, wherein the handle includes a slot, the slot defining the at least one cam surface.

19. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 18, wherein the slot is an arcuate slot curved along its length to drive the cam follower along the arcuate path.

20. (Original) The refrigerator of Claim 18, wherein the slot is defined by at least a pair of fingers.

21. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

a housing;

a door pivotally coupled to the housing, the door including a side, the side defining recess;

a striker connected to the housing; and

a latching arrangement carried by the door, the latching arrangement including:

a handle connected to the door for movement between a first position and a second position, the handle substantially disposed in the recess; and

a pawl connected to the door ~~for movement driven by the handle to rotate about a fixed pivot access~~ between a latched position engaged with the striker for securing the door in a closed position and an unlatched position allowing the door to be pivoted from the closed position, ~~the pawl cooperating with the handle~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 21, wherein movement of the handle is pivotally connected to the door for rotation about a first pivot axis from the second position to the first position drives the pawl to rotate from the unlatched position to the latched position.

23. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim [[22]]21, wherein the pawl is pivotally connected to the door for rotation about a second pivot axis, the second pivot axis being a fixed pivot axis.

24. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 23, wherein the first and second pivot axes are spaced apart from one another along a line, the line being substantially parallel to a front face of the refrigerator.

25. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 23, wherein the handle includes a first free end and a second free end, the first and second pivot axes are parallel to one another axis located proximate the first free end and the cam follower located proximate the second free end.

26. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 23, wherein the first and second pivot axes are vertically extending pivot axes, each disposed rearward from a front face of the refrigerator.

27. (Original) The refrigerator of Claim 21, wherein the side is a top side.

28. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator of Claim 21, wherein the handle is at least partly substantially concealed by a perimeter of the door.